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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA PURCHASE OF AR-18 RIFLES

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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM STEENKAMP, PERMANENT SECRETARY TO
THE PRESIDENT, THAT DEPT IS APPROVING TRANSFER OF 400
AR-18 AUTOMATIC RIFLES FROM STERLING ARMAMENT COMPANY IN THE
U.K. TO THE GOB. ARMALITE INC. OF CALIFORNIA, WHO MADE
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL WILL BE INFORMED WEEK OF JULY 5.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA ANY
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ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE SAFE DELIVERY OF WEAPONS

THRU SOUTH AFRICA OR OTHER CHOSEN ROUTE. EMBASSY WILL BE
REQUESTED TO PERFORM END-USER CHECK. KISSINGER

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O, MR. GAMBLE
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